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THREE MEN SEE DEWEY

A Mysterious Conference Held in Philadelphia Yesterday

LIGHTS NOT PRESENT

Grover Cleveland, David B. Hill and William C. Whitney Were Not There-Keporters Again Made an Attempt to Interview the Admiral. The Latter Is Very Shy and Non-Committal-He Is Not Discouraged

Philadelphia, April 6.-Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, who arrived here yester- truth you will find that to be the day to attend the concert in aid of reason of his announcement." families of soldiers and sailors killed in the Philippine Islands, returned to Washington late this afternoon on the Congressional Limited express over the Pennsylvania railroad. The admiral spent a quiet day at Hotel Belle-vue, denying himself to all but one caller, that one being Captain Bronson, who is to command the battleship Alabama, which is almost ready to be turned over to the government by the Cramp Ship Building company. Among the others who sent up their cards was J. Watt Ward, formerly private secretary to William J. Bryan.

Mrs. Deway left here for New York in President Cassatt's private car, attached to the 3.20 express train, to do some shopping. She returned on the Congressional Limited, which reached here at 5.25 p. m., when the admiral bearded the train and the couple proceeded to Washington. There was no demonstration either at the hotel or the depot when the admiral left, as his intended movements were not made known. Secretary and Mrs. Root returned to Washington this morning.

Notwithstanding the announcement that Admiral Dewey saw only Captain As to the nature of the conference

The Admiral Is Evasive

While on the way from the hotel to had any visitors besides Captain Bronson, and the admiral replied:

I would see no one," "Hut did you see any one?"

"The orders I gave were explicit." This was the only answer the admiral would give. "Will you say now who is back of

tour candidacy?" "Not at this time,"

"Are you ready yet to issue a statement?"

'None has been prepared." "When will it be ready?" "I shall issue a statement in a few

"What will be the nature of it?"

"I can say nothing as to that, "It has been stated that if McKinley and Bryan are nominated you will run independently, is that true?

"I have never said so," 'Admiral, how do you feel about the way the people of the country have received your announcement?"

"Well, ' he replied, "one must expect a great many things to be said of a man who has taken such a step." "Then you are not at all discour-

"No, sir. I am not discouraged." The admiral then went on to say that he did not expect to be accompanied to Washington by any one except his wife, and that he would have no conference with any one while en route.

He Admires Cleveland.

It was reported tonight that the three men whom it is said met Admiral Dewey here today were sent on in advance by prominent Democrats in New York to make an appointment with the admiral late this afternoon. It is also asserted that these men returned to New York and reported that everything was fixed and that thereupon a special car, in which were ex-Senator Arthur Gorman, of Maryland: William C. Whitney and George F. Spinney, of New York, was attached to the Baltimore and Ohio train from New York, which arrived here at 5.03 p. m., and that it was then switched to the Pennsylvania railroad and attached to the congressional limited, which leaves Cherbourg, Rotterdem-Sailed; Amsterdam, to here at 5.25 for Washington. These statements could not be confirmed tonight.

Washington, April 6 .- Admiral and Mrs. Dewey returned to Washington at 8.30 o'clock tonight from their brief visit to Philadelphia. They expressed themselves as greatly pleased with their reception. A number of reporters were at the house awaiting his return. In response to a question the admiral said he expected in a few days to have ready for the press the statenent as to his plans for the future which he indicated his intention to make.

"Can you confirm the statement you are credited with making, that you are Democrat" persisted one of the reporters.

"Certainly I am a Democrat," he replied. "I always have been a Demo-

"Have you ever voted the Demo

No. I never voted in my life. The only man I ever wanted to vote for was Mr. Cleveland."

you to run on a straight gold Demo erat platform." 'Good-night," answered the admiral,

without answering the question and re-Monday next the admiral and Mrs. Dewey will move into their country house at Beauvoir, which they have

taken for the summer. MR. WHITNEY'S DENIAL.

Had Nothing to Do with Dewey's Candidacy.

New - York, April 6,-William C. Whitney said today that all statements suggesting that he has had to do with the candidacy of Admiral Dewey for the presidency are without foundation.

"I do not consider myself as so re lated to politics at present as to be ntitled to assist in making candidates. have the profoundest admiration for Admiral Dewey. It came naturally to me from my acquaintance with the admiral when I was secretary of the navy. I take great pride in his reputation, but I have no knowledge and nothing to do with his recent an-nouncement. I believe it to be the act northern Luzon. of the admiral himself. His nature is imple and straightforward, and he has doubtless been solicited to become a candidate by thousands of people who would like to see him president. I imagine that if you get at the real

COURTS ARE AGAINST GOVERNOR TAYLOR

The Decision Rendered by Court of Appeals in the Kentucky Election

Frankfort, Ky., April 6.-The court of appeals today handed down a decision in the governorship case in favor of the Democrats. The opinion is by six of the judges-four Democrats and two Republicans. One Republican-Durelle dissents.

The Republican judges, Burnam and Guffy, gave a seperate opinion from the Democratic judges, but which agreed with the Democratic members in its Judge Hobson wrote the opinion of

the court. The concurrence of Judges Burnam and Guffy with the four Democratic judges was a surprise generally, but to the Republicans especially. The opinion holds that the action of the legislature in seating Governor Bronson, it was gleaned from what is Beckham was final and that the courts considered a reliable source that he have no power to review it; that Govhad a two hours' conference this morn. | ernor Taylor exceeded his authority in ing with three men who came here adjourning the legislature to London from New York. Who these men are and that the journals of the two houses cannot be learned. The informant, in of the legislature being regular, canresponse to questions said the admiral's not be impeached. The Republicans conferees were neither Grover Cleve- will now try to get a hearing before land, William C. Whitney nor David the United States. Supreme court, R. Hill. The men, it was further stat-ed, immediately returned to New York. | Thirty days must clapse before the mandate of the court of appeals, in accordance with today's decision, is nothing could be learned, but it is be- issued. Meanwhile, no radical change lleved to have close relations with his in the relative positions of the two

state governments is expected. Ex-Governor W. O. Bradley, chief counsel for Governor Taylor, tonight authorized the statement that an apjoin Mrs. Dewey on the train a re- peal on behalf of Governor Taylor and porter asked the admiral whether he Lieutenant Governor Marshall will be carried to the Supreme court of the United States. Mr. Bradley and Judge

"I left orders at the hotel office that | W. H. Yost, counsel for the Republican state officers, were in consultation with Governor Taylor for several hours this afternoon, and the above statement was made at the close of the conference. It is stated that Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge and Republican leaders from different parts of the state will meet Governor Taylor in con-

ference here tomorrow morning. Ex-Governor Bradley said: "We will not take advantage of any technicalities to delay the progress of the case, The decision of the court of appeals is not disheartening to us. We will ask for a writ of error to the Supreme court at once and these contests will now be at an end in a very short time.

Taylor's Statement.

Frankfort, Ky., April 6 .- Governor Taylor gave out a statement tonight

in which he says: For weeks I have been made the target of villification by certain unprincipled new-papers in Kentucky. The vilest instructions have been made and the most outrageous faischoods have been fold. When I was called to attend the funeral of a beloved brother it was suited upor as an attempt on my part to fly from justier Again, when called to my home by reason of th death of a dear sister the foundains of the wets opened and a food of falsebead and also der poured forth upon not, the charge again be but made that I was attempting to by trees the state. Once, and for all I desire to say wither directly not indirectly, had I may with the assessingtion of Sengter Goebel. I am : citizen of this state, amenable to its lane. and not a criminal; norther shall I ever be a fur-tive from justice. Whenever indicted, if such outrage should be committed, I shall appear timate triumph of right and justice. The whole purpose of this persecution has been, and is, to drive me from my post of duty, and to punish me for holding the office to which I have fair been elected. Such surrender I have not made, nor will I make it unless the highest courts of this land should adjudge that I do

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, April 6 .- Arrived: Kuiser Print rich, Hamburg; Cevie, from Liverpool; Penn-sylvania, from Hamburg and Plymouth, Cleares-Rotterdam, for Rotterdam via Boulogne: Lu-cania, for Liverpool; Phoenicia, for Hamburg via New York, Arrived: Werkenslam, from Bremen-Arrived: Kaiserin Maria Ther esz, from New York. Liverpool-Arrived: Ten-est, from New York. Liverpool-Arrived: Tance, from New York. Havre-Arrived: La Touraine.

Mr. McKinley Entertains.

Washington, April C. President McKinley on estained informally at dinner at the white use tonight members of the confessures of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist

Bonner Was Ill.

New York, April 6, in a beat with Tommy est, of Bresklyn, tonight the second of \$\tilde{c}_1(t)\$ Bonner, of Summit Hill, Pa., threw up the ponge in the stateenth round, stating that Bor

United Irishman Seized.

Dublin, April 6, 10 p. m.—The Dublin police, by order of the government, seized today's issue of the United Irishman as a print calculated to oduce discontent, disaffection and disloyalty

Northern Pacific Purchases Land.

St. Paul, April 6.—The Northern Pacific rail-way has completed the sale of 500,000 acres of land in Northern Minnesota to the lumber syn-laboratory of Lehigh university, desfroyed by fire "It is said that Mr. Cleveland wants | dicate. The price is about \$1,000,000.

MACABEBES MAKE **GOOD SOLDIERS**

THEIR EFFECTIVE SERVICE IN PURSUIT OF AGUINALDO.

Organization of Regular Native Cavalry Regiment Recommended. Major Batson's Report of Expeditions in Northern Luzon-Native Soldiers Hardy Fighters-Many Had Seen Service Under General Blanco.

Washington, April 6.-The war do ertment today made public the report Lieutenant Matthew A. Batson, the Fourth cavalry, in regard to the organization and operations of the Macabebe Scouts, who formed a part of the armies of General Lawton and General Young in the exciting cam-

For his remarkable success with this military band of natives Lieutenaut Batson has been appointed a major of cofunteers, in command of a cavaley battalion of Filipines, to be immediately organized with the Macabebe Scents as a nucleus.

Major Batson's report is long and overs all the details of the active opcritions of the Macabebes from the time of their organization. Sept. I. to Nov. 19, when he was obliged to relinquish the command by reason of erious wound in the left foot, received in an engagement at Aringay river,

Intelligent and Brave. There were five companies of these native scouts, numbering about 600 men in all, and they were uniformed, armed, equipped and treated in every other respect like United States troops. Many of them had seen previous service as non-commissioned officers in the Spanish army, under General Blan-These men were assigned to simi-

lar duty in Batson's command. They were intelligent, brave and hardy, and proved excellent soldiers. In order to avoid the possibility of mistaking their fire for that of the insurgents, they were armed with the United States magazine carbines, and to facilitate their movements over the numerous small streams through the island, they were supplied with bancas, small native canoes. As they were unfamiliar with the English language the American officers were compelled to com-municate with them through the aid of an interpreter named Frederico Fernandez, who proved of great assistance. Lieutenants Boutelle, Quinlan, Hall and Faulkner and Acting Assistant Surgeon Simpson were attached to the command and rendered efficient vice. Lieutenant Boutelle was killed while braveb leading a charge in skirmish near Santiago. The enemy were in trenches at the time, and although his own men were in a ditch, Lleutenant Boutelle stood in the road issuing orders, in plain view of the inurgents

Many individual acts of bravery on part of the Macabebes are narrated by Major Batson, who remained in command of his battalion after ing wounged himself, until the enemy had been driven from the field. Lieutenant Quinlan had a narrow escape from death at Aringay. A Mauser bullet struck a plug of tobocco in his shirt back, and knocked him down, but did not enter his body. In closing his report Major Batson pays a high tribute to all the officers and men of his command and says:

"I think that this expedition has fully emonstrated the loyalty, bravery and endurance of the Macabebes as soldiers, and I recommend that a regiment of cavalry be organized from the Macabebe tribes."

FINNEGAN KNOCKED OUT.

Falls Before Champion James J. Jeffries.

Detroit, April 6.-Champion James J. Jeffries knocked out John Finnegan, of Pittsburg, tonight before the Cadillac Athletic club in fifty-five seconds. Finnegan landed the first blow as they came to the center of the ring, and Jeffries then but his left on the Pittsburg man's jaw and he went to the floor. Finnegan came up in a few seconds, only to be sent to the floor again with a blow in the same place. He stayed down longer this time, and when he again arose he was in visible dis tress. He had hardly assumed a fighting position before the champion put his left in the pit of his stomach and Finnegan went down completely out. Referee Siler counted the seconds off, Finnegan staggered to his feet, and his seconds rushed into the ring and carried him to his corner. It was several minutes before he recovered sufficiently to leave the ring. Jeffries said he weighed 220, but he looked thirty pounds heavier. Finnegan weighed 180,

Cape Town Parliament Meets. Cape Town, Africa, April 6,-On February 28

prorogued the Cape parliament until today. He also issued a proclamation announcing that the wagons, exens, provisions and other necessities in Phodesia, the articles thus taken to be paid for at a fair value.

New Railroad.

Harleton, Ca., April 6.-A corps of engine connect Hagleton and Wilkes-Barre by trolley, distance of twenty-sixen miles. The distance, is estimated might be revered in an hour. The distance he rall now is fifty miles. Hazleton and Wilker-Barre capitalists are interested in

Mr. Blackburn's Credentials.

Washington, April 6. Schatter Deboe (Ky.) would move to refer the credentials of former Senator J. C. S. Black-born as a senator from that state to the com-mittee on privileges and elections. During the greater part of the assaion the senate had under sideration the Indian apprepriation till.

St. Paul Bailway's Business. Chicago, April 6.-St. Paul's railway officials

say never in the history of the road has a year's mess been so premising as it is now. The prospects of good crops indicates that its earn

Lehigh Laboratory.

JAPAN'S DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES.



Here is a snap-shot, taken last week, at the Japanese Legation. The threatened clash between Japan and Russia, and the possi de attitude which the United States would assume, makes these busy days for the Japanese Minister and his corps of assistants.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE. of Business Much Larger That Last Year.

New York, April 6.-R. G. Dun & Co,'s Weekly Review of Trade will say

Quarterly reviews today show that outside the immediate effects of stock speculation and industrial consolidations the volume of business has been larger this year than a year ago. At that time the extensive rise in wages which followed combination in many cases had not yet taken place, and the purchasing power of the people was smaller than it is now. Very many of the usual spring demands for higher wages have been granted, or in part granted by compromise, so that no more than the usual hindrance from

that source now seems probable, The rise in sole leather has helped nanufacturers of boots and shoes to hold prices but not to get more orders, which are much smaller than in previous years. The steel sheet consolldation with President McMurtry, of the Appello works, at the head, promises great importance. If this, the tin plate, hoop, and rational steel works make alliance with the Carnegie company, as is reported, the whole induswill sooner or later be affected. For the present no change appears in prices of pig and only slightly more yielding in plates and bars to secure more business. But many new contracts are reported, including one purchase of rails for export, and the sitution is generally more hopeful.

Failures for the week are 159 in the 'nited States as against 141 last year, and 29 in Canada against 17 last year.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

President Fogel Announces the Completion of the Circuit

ogel, of the Atlantic Base Ball league. York, issued the following official bul-

"The circuit of the Atlantic league is complete and all that now remains to be done to set the machinery of the organization in motion is to meet at Reading next Thursday afternoon and adopt the schedule, which I am now making out. The troublesome problem of an eighth club, which has been hanging fire for nearly a month has at last been definitely solved. The applicants were Harrisburg, Trenton, Wilmington, Lancaster and Jersey City. The question of selecting gradually narrowed down to Jersey City for several reasons, one being because of its large population and environments; another because Newark wanted a local or rather territorial rival, and third because it added one more Sun-

day ball playing city to the circuit. The obstacle in the way of taking in Jersey City after we had secured an option on the grounds in that city and several wealthy gentlemen to back the proposed club, was the fact that coming within the five-mile territorial limit of the New York National league club, died two hours later. he consent of President Freedman, of that club, was necessary. After an exchange of correspondence with Mr. Freedman we met in his effice today and had no trouble in agreeing upon terms, which are most satisfactory to our league.

Mr. Freedman more than met Mr. Relmont, our attorney, and I half way and in drawing up an agreement with us imposed absolutely no conditions. In brief. Mr. Freedman, in a most sportsmanlike manner, yielded the Jersey City territory to us without, as I have already stated, imposing any conditions whatever. After fixing up the necessary papers with Mr. Freedman we immediately organized the Jersey City club with a paid-in capital of \$10%. 000, and arranged for the grounds in that city.

Dick" Cooley, the popular captain last year's Philadelphia National League club, will be offered the position of manager-captain of the Jersey City club. I expect to secure Cooley's release from Philadelphia temorrow and immediately place him in charge of this club, Colonel Rogers having aiready consented to this arrangement.

The complete circuit as it stands with grounds secured and clubs organized in every city is an follows: Jersey City, Newark, Athletics of Philadelphia, Reading, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Eimira."

Puerto Rico Tariff Opposition.

Washington, April 6. Representative Eichrson, the Democratic leader of the house, has called a Democratic caucus for Saturday night to take measured to pell the full Democratic trength against the Puerto Rice tariff bill next sentees will be obliged to return to Washingt in order to be recorded against the bill.

BASE BALL.

At Washington-Philadelphia, 11: George-

LABOR RIOTS AT PUERTO RICO

FOREIGN COLORED MEN ARE ATTACKED BY MOBS.

The Affair the Outcome of the Pier Strike - Puerto Ricans Believe That English Islanders Are Usurping Native Labor-One Puerto Rican Killed-Several Are Wounded-The Soldiers Called Out to Disperse the Rioters.

San Juan De Puerto Rico, April 6 .-At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the natives made a concentrated movement at Puerto Tira. Different mobs, totalling 2,000 men, attacked the foreign colored men. Any English-speaking negro was subject to attack, particularly the natives of St. Thomas and Kitts, One Puerto Rican was killed; one was seriously injured and three negroes of St. Kitts were dangerously wounded. The affair was the outcome of the pier strike and the nretence of the attack apparently, was that the English islanders were usurping Puerto Rican labor.

The islanders anticipated trouble, and some of them were armed with revolvers. The mob entered the house of a St. Kitts man. His abdomen was slashed with a machette. man was stoned, escaped to the roof. ard was forced to jump to the ground. He was followed in the street and stoned until exhausted, when his head

was hammered into a jelly. A company of infantry under Captain Alexander and Lieutenants Ansell Philadelphia, April 6.-President and Parker, was called out, martial law was declared, soldiers now patrol tonight, upon his return from New the streets and the rum shops were closed. The mere presence of the soldiers dispersed the crowds. were no demonstrations after the arrival of the troops. The condition of affairs necessitates the presence of troops indefinitely in order to prevent more trouble. The municipal police are utterly inadequate to preserve order or handle any crowd. They stood by during the riot, as spectators, and made no attempt to interfere.

The Puerto Tira district of San Juan is about a mile from the city hall, It is understood that the British consul has demanded protection for British subjects, though the authorities here will not make any statement on the subject.

Accidentally Shot.

Philadelphia, April 6.-Ruth, the six-year-old daughter of Harry Aldenderfer, superintendent of the Hocksher furnace, at Swedeland, near Norristown. Pa., was accidentally shot and killed r her brother, Carl. aged II youts, last night, he looy says his sister found a revolver in a closet and while he was endeavoring to take the weapon from her it was discharged. The bullet entered Ruth's head behind the left ear and she

Creedon and McCoy Matched.

New York, April 6 .- Dar Creedon, the Aus tralian ex-middleweight chempion and Kid Me-Cox were matched today to fight twenty-five rounds at the Broadway Athletic club at catch weights on May 18 fer 50 per cent, of the re-ceipts. Creedon was also matched to meet Joo Walcott at Milwaukee during the first week June. They are guaranteed \$1,000 or 50 per cent. of the privileges.

Blew Out the Gas.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Renben Ridenback, a stired metchant of New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa., was found skad in bed at the St Elmo hotel here today. The gas in his room was turned on. Mr. Ridenbuck was 50 years old. He quently visited this city and always made Elmo his stopping place.

Krag-Jorgensens for National Guard. Washington, April 6. - Representative Marsh, of military affairs, today introduced a bill pro-riding for the arming of the National Guard of the various states with Krag-Jorganson rifles. The rifler are to be furnished by the secretars

Corporations Chartered. Harrisburg, April 6.- Charters were issued a

the state department today to the following: Driven Power company, Residing, capital \$1,600; B. P. Yeung company, Pittsburg, capital \$20,000. DEATHS OF A DAY.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., April 6.-Orlando Trangh, editor and proprietor of the Hollidays-burg Standard for thirty-nine years and the oldest Democratic editor in the Juniata valley, died today, aged 80 years. He is survived by a serie, one son and three daughters.

Baltimore, April 6.-Father William E. Bart Battimore, April 6.—Father William E. Hart-lett, rector of St. Ann's Roman Catholic church in this city, died to, at the parish house of Bright's disease. F her Bartieti was born in Baltimore in 1838. fe belonged to a well known Quaker family. Ity in life he took an interest in Catholic aff. . and was baptized in 1858. He then studied for the priesthood in Baltimore and in Rome and was ordained in the latter city

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications To ay:

SHOWERS.

General-Boers Capture More English Prisdmiral Dewey Interviewed Labor Riot in Puerro Rico

Effective Service of the Maccabebe Soldiers the Philippines.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercia General-The World of Sport,

The Bible in Correspondence, Local-Social and Personal.

One Woman's Views Local-Common Pleas Court. Jurors for Next Term of Court

Local-Badges Distributed Among Thirteenth Regiment Boys. Condition of Serunton's Paved Streets

Local-West Scranton and Suburba

Round About the County Local-Spirited Defense of Osteopathy

Loral-Sunday-School Lesson for Tomorrow, Religious News of the Week. Local-Live Industrial News. William J. Boyes Writes from the Philip

QUEEN IN DUBLIN.

the City-30,000 Youngsters Will Look at the Good Lady Today.

Dublin, April 6.-In spite of the fact that it was raining. Queen Victoria this morning drove out in the Vice Regal grounds in a garden chair. Owing to the continued wet weather she did not visit the city this afternoon, merely indulging in a short carriage drive in the park and over the roads

in its vicinity. Great anticipations have aroused in connection with tomorrow's children's festival, when 30,000 youngsters from all parts of Ireland will be

given a chance to see her majesty. The queen drove out in an open carriage, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and a tady it waiting, and escorted by four mounted constables and a sergeant of the Dublin police. She returned at 5.30 p. m-Crowds of people filled O'Connell street in fruitless anticipation of seeing the

queen pass. * The queen's route was through one of the humblest sections of Dublin township, a section totally devoid of natural beauty, and it must have been decided upon in consequence of her desire to leave no part of the district unvisited and no class of her subjects neglected.

There is no mistaking the surprise caused by the presence of the cenerable lady, who had braved the elements under conditions that kept many others indoors.

This evening there was another small dinner party at the Vice Regal lodge, after which the Duke and Duchess Connaught, Princess Christian, Earl and Countess Cadogan and Lady Dunraven and Lord and Lady Londonderry with others attended a concert at the patriotic demonstration.

WHY HE FAVORS QUAY.

Senator Sullivan Gives Reasons for

Supporting the Pennsylvanian. Washington, April 6.-Mr. Sullivan (Dem., Miss.) addressed the senate today in support of M. S. Quay's claim to a seat in the senate as a senator from Pennsylvania. He maintained that both as a matter of policy and of justice to the state, the governor should be conceded and should exercise the authority to name the senator in event that the legislature for any reason should fall to elect.

For these reasons, he declared his intention of voting for the seating of Mr.

Six Lively Rounds.

Philadelphia, April 6. Matty Matthews of New York, and Charley Mckeever, of this city, fought dx lively rounds at the fedustrial Athletic club conight. McKeever Ed most of the tanding, but Marthews put up a very zone fight and landel some pretty have puncties on M. Korver's body. The latter, hoscover, had a shade the better of

Fitz Will Meet Dunkhorst.

Cleveland, April ii. Bob Pitzeimmons was b selore the Hercules Athletic club, of Brooklen, on April 20. Cankhorst will begin training here tom row. He hapes to get down to 220 ounds. The match will be for twenty rounds

New York Solons Adjourn. Albany, April 6.-The state legislature came

GEN. ROBERTS . MEETS MORE DISASTERS

Five Companies of British Soldiers Are Captured by Boers.

ENEMY HOVERING NEAR

Field Marshal Preparing to Engage Them-Lord Methuen Wins a Small Victory on His Way to Relief of Mafeking-Gen. Villebois Mareuil the French Soldier of Fortune, Killed-Fifty-four of His Men Taken Prisoners.

Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5,-Small bodies of Boers can be seen in the vicinity of this town. The burghers' forces remain in the neighborhood of the waterworks. Lord Roberts is taking stops to meet the activity of the

London, April 6.-The war office has received from Lord Roberts the following dispatch, dated Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5: "Metheun telegraphs from Boshof (in

the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley), as follows:
"Surrounded General Villebols Mareuil and a body of Boers today. None escaped Villebois and seven Boers killed ight wounded, lifty prisoners. Our lo, a Killed, Captains Boyle and Williams, both of the Yeomanry, and

about seven men. "The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our force was composed of Yeomanry, the Kimberley Mounted corps and the Fourth

two men of the Yeomanry; wounded,

battery of arillery," Another dispatch received from Lord Roberts reported that five companies of British troops had been captured by the Boers near Bethany, about thirty

miles south of Bloemfontein. The following is the text of the latter dispatch;

"Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5 .-Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry, near Reddersberg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few She Visits the Humblest Portions of miles of this place. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the

enemy with four or five guns. "The detachment held out from before noon, April 3, until 9 a. m., April , and then, apparently, surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time.

The lost companies are probably part

of the force guarding the railway at Bethany thirty miles south of Bloemfontein. The Boers are evidently operating in force near the railroad, and there is a possibility of the line being interrupted for a brief period at any As the captured British soldiers were

in a position to defend themselves for almost twenty-four hours and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe. The Boers were also in force yesterday five miles from Jagersfontein, sixty miles south of Bloemfontein. They

had a brush with the British patrols. Advices from Springfontein, dated 6 p. m., April 5, announce that the Boers have been sighted west of the railroad. Apropos of Lord Methuen's victory, t may be mentioned that the following cable message, dated Kimberley,

"April 5 -Since the departure of the

main body of troops Lieutenant Colone! Chamler remains in command of the garrison here." At the time it was received the message could not be understood, for according to last reports Lord Methuen had not left Kimberley. The despatch, however, was construed to mean that the general had advanced with his main force from the diamond city to

was received here today:

the relief of Mareking.

EXECUTION AT PONCE.

Theater Royal, where there was a great Five Cut-Throats Will Be Garroted Today.

Ponce, Puerto Rico, April 6 .- At an early hour temorrow morning Simeon Rodrieguez, Carlos Pachee, Hermogenes Pachee, Eugenio Rodrieguez and Rosalle Santiago, who are condemned to death by garroting, will be executed. Their crime was the murder in October, 1898, of Senor Prudencie Mendez, at Yauco. The murderers, after criminally assaulting the wife and daughters of their victim, compelled them to dance about the corpse, The execution will be carried out by

Bogus Naval Officer Sentenced.

two convicts from San Juan.

New Orleans, April, 6. Julius Moyse, alias Captain Clark, who, during Mardi Gras week, married Miss Bertha Wattiken under the talse representation line the was commander for the latticely. Texas, then in port, and who was constant Wednesday on the charge of having impresented a United States officer and with having abtained money under false sectionse, was enfonced today to three years' imprisonment.

Scott to he postmaster at Jeanette, Pa., B. Allen to be postuinster at Honga-+++++++++++++++++

WEATHER FORECAST.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, April 6. - The president today sent

the senate the neminations of William E

urday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylva-nia, showers Saturday or Saturday night; showers Sunday; diminishing westerly